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SUBJ: FRENCH PETROLEUM PRODUCT PRICES

REF: PARIS 5044

1. GOF HAS DECIDED TO ALLOW PRICES OF LIMITED NUMBER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO DECREASE SLIGHTLY EFFECTIVE 1 APRIL. PRICE DECREASES ARE DESIGNED TO SOP UP EXTRA PROFITS MADE BY OIL COMPANIES STEMMING FROM REDUCED FRANC COST OF CRUDE IMPORTS (DUE IN TURN LARGELY TO WEAKENING OF DOLLAR AGAINST FRANC SINCE PRICES LAST SET 1 JANUARY). PRICE DECREASES CAN ALSO BE SEEN AS GESTURE TO QUIET ATTACKS ON GOVERNMENT'S OIL POLICY (REFTEL). AUTHORIZED DECREASES TOTAL ONLY 15 FRANCS PER TON OF PRODUCT (APPROXIMATELY 50 CENTS PER BBL) AND INCLUDE 2.5 PERCENT DECREASE FOR HOME HEATING OIL, 4.9 PERCENT FOR INDUSTRIAL FUEL OIL, AND 2.1 PERCENT FOR LIGHT DIESEL OIL. PRICE DECREASE FOR GASOLINE HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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BEEN RULED OUT BY GOF, ACCORDING TO MINISTER OF INDUST-

RY, IN ORDER TO DISCOURAGE CONSUMPTION (WHICH OVER LAST MONTHS HAS SHOWN SIGNS OF RESUMING PRE-1973 GROWTH RATES.

2. ACCORDING GOF ESTIMATES, PRICE DECREASES SHOULD NOT SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT CONSUMPTION IN AFFECTED PRODUCT CATEGORIES, AS QUANTITATIVE RATIONING SYSTEM ALREADY IN EFFECT FOR DOMESTIC HEATING OIL, ONE SOON TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR HEAVY FUELS, AND LIGHT DIESEL OIL REPRESENTS ONLY SMALL (6 PERCENT) ELEMENT OF TOTAL CONSUMPTION.

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